

Application No. 09/990,178  
Amendment "B" dated September 7, 2005  
Reply to Office Action mailed March 7, 2005

### **REMARKS**

The Applicants and Applicants' attorney wish to thank the Examiner for the time spent reviewing the application and preparing the Second Office Action. In the Second Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-13, 15 and 16 were allowed, and claims 4, 5, 14 and 17-22 were rejected. By this paper, claims 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21 have been amended. Applicants submit that claim amendments do not add new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. As a result, claims 1-22 are pending and should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the above-identified claims is now respectfully requested.

### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

In the Second Office Action, claims 4, 5, 14 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,349,192 to Lambert, Jr. et al. (the "Lambert" patent).

The Lambert patent does not anticipate the limitations recited with respect to claims 17, 18, 20 and 21. With reference to claim 17, Lambert does not disclose an exercise apparatus, as defined in claim 17, comprising an attachment system comprising a cable and pulley system to facilitate coupling of the first resistance assembly to the exercise station, wherein the exercise station and the first resistance assembly are each linked to the cable and pulley system. Further, Lambert fails to disclose an exercise apparatus comprising a coupling system comprising a cable and pulley system coupled to the frame and a selector rod coupled to the cable and pulley system, the selector rod configured to be selectively coupled to the first resistance assembly, as recited in claim 18.

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Regarding claim 20, Lambert fails to disclose an exercise apparatus, as defined in claim 20, comprising an attachment system comprising a cable and pulley system and a selector rod coupled to the cable and pulley system, the selector rod configured to be selectively coupled to the first resistance assembly. Lambert also fails to disclose an exercise apparatus having a first coupling system that comprises a cable and pulley system to facilitate coupling of the first weight stack to the first exercise station, wherein the first exercise station and the first weight stack are each linked to the cable and pulley system, as recited in claim 21.

Therefore, Lambert fails to anticipate the limitations recited with respect to claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 because Lambert does not disclose each and every element recited respectively therein. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection to claims 4, 5, 14 and 17-22 is hereby respectfully requested.

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### **Conclusion**

Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15 and 16 were allowed. By this paper, pending claims 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21 have been amended for the sake of clarity or to more clearly point out novel aspects of Applicants' invention. As a result, claims 1-22 are pending and should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified pending claims is now respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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